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NEWS RELEASE: Board of Supervisors Recognizes July 19th-25th, 2020 as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Services Week

Across the nation, the week of July 19st through the 25th, 2020 is *Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Services Week* to highlight the work that probation, parole, and community supervision professionals do for our public safety.

At its meeting today, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors acknowledged the professionals who serve the County as Probation, Pretrial, and Parole Supervision Officers, recognizing their achievements in contributing to public safety, community engagement, and support for victims.

“The County Board of Supervisors recognizes our Probation professionals for their role in the public safety of our communities by addressing racial inequality, improving mental health, and providing alternatives to help reduce both recidivism and our juvenile detention population,” said Board Chair, Supervisor Candace Andersen. “We want successful outcomes for individuals and our community.”

Chief Probation Officer Esa Ehmen-Krause said, “I appreciate the support of the Board of Supervisors, which is crucial to the department’s success. Probation plays an essential role in the community, with staff often working in difficult and dangerous situations. Their commitment to client success ensures a positive impact on the individuals and families we work with.”

In Contra Costa County, the Probation Department continues to supervise adults placed on Probation and individuals being released from Prison on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). In the juvenile justice system, the Probation Department operates the Juvenile Hall located in Martinez and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Center located in Byron. The Department also supervises juveniles on probation and provides a wide range of in home and support services with the goal of keeping at-risk children out of custody and on a better path for life.

Probation Department staff protects the community through proactive, problem-solving work practices, plus interventions aimed at changing criminal and/or delinquent behavior. These public service professionals are hard-working individuals who are concerned about making a difference in the communities they serve and live.

As Chief Ehmen-Krause put it, “Probation transforms lives. The staff truly believe in providing individuals with opportunities to succeed.”

Community members are encouraged to join together during Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Officers’ Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place.

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